



Minutes of Committee Meeting held Wednesday 27th July 2011
Venue – Elsie Fischer Room St Lawrence Church

1. **Present:** - Chris Groom (Chairman), Irene Groom (Secretary), Karen Spink, Ian Brooks, Roger Brown, Keith Barnard, Catherine Dann, Bruce Baker, Carolyn Derecki, Linda Laurie, Eddie Lavery, Gawain Cox, Jackie Redrup, Paul Ashley, Ian Murray, Tom Sharkey, Elizabeth Beggs.
2. **Apologies for absence:** Marg Bacon, Andrea Gohil, Ian Parkinson, Jean Gibson, Michael White..
3. **Minutes of previous meeting:**

The Minutes of the 29th June were agreed after a couple of minor spelling amendments.

4. **Actions/Matters arising, not on Agenda and not covered elsewhere in the minutes**

- The seat by the original bus stop in Bridle Road is to be moved to be near the newly sited bus stop.
- The problem regarding noisy lorries is covered in the Transport/Road Safety report.
- The problem of scooters/bikes riding on the public footpath – this has been passed to SNT but to-date no response has been received.
- Tudor Lodge – a rubbish bin is to be installed on the grass area near the seat, also the grass has now been cut. It has been reported that, again, there has been problems with the drains, it has now been sorted by Dyno-Rod. We understand that Thames Water will be taking over the responsibility of dealing with drains later on in the year.
- Action has been taken regarding abuse of parking spaces reserved for disabled drivers and summons issued.

5. **Representatives Reports**

5.1 **Planning & Enforcement**

JR has reassessed how the planning report will be presented to assist in compilation and also to assist residents in monitoring applications and to provide more information to allow residents to access the applications on the Hillingdon Council Website to get the full details. The new form of planning report is attached as Appendix A to these minutes.

5.2 **Police Matters**

- 'Hillingdon Community and Police Consultative Group met on 20 July - main presentation concerned the work of the Sapphire Unit dealing with Rape and Sexual offences in Hounslow and Hillingdon -42 incidents of this nature in Hillingdon since 1 April 2011 although 10 resulted in no charges being brought. Victims are mostly known to their assailants. Three "havens" have been established across London where victims can be examined and discuss their allegations and this is done in co-operation with specialist partner agencies. Reports of alleged rape is on the rise and this is thought to be because of the increased use of social networking sites such as Facebook and Twitter
- Elsewhere, assault rates generally are down in Hillingdon by about 17% with a clear up rate of about 35%. However, there has been a 34% increase in Burglary. Operation Target is a reaction to increased crime rates particularly Burglary and Robbery. The first ward to be "targeted" will be Townfield in which resources will be shared with neighbouring Ealing.
- Northwood reported problems with youths riding mini off-road motor bikes in streets, pavements and parks causing a potential danger to pedestrians. Police are hampered by not being allowed to chase offenders who are able to get away by escaping through alleyways and the like'.
- SNT – there is to be re-organisation of the SNT – at present there are, in Hillingdon, 22 teams with 22 Sergeants. The number of Sergeants is to be reduced to 17, which means that one Sergeant will, in some areas, now cover two SNTs. New Sergeant for our area will be Sgt David Wright, and he will head two SNT teams- Northwood Hills and Eastcote & East Ruislip. ERA to write to him to introduce ourselves and bring to his attention a couple of items, children/adults riding bikes on the pavements and scooters/bikes using the public footpath through Pembroke Park. **ACTION:- CG**

5.3 Transport and Road Safety

- Hawthorne Avenue / Meadow Way complaints of speed of traffic and inappropriate use by lorries. Both resident representatives are gaining support through consultation. Speed survey has been delayed till schools return in September.
- Cheney Street post scheme traffic monitoring and review also delayed till September due to faulty speed survey equipment during recent monitoring.
- Field End Rd southbound junction with Elm Av water mains renewal. Works will commence 8th Aug for two weeks with congestion predicted
- Eastcote station pedestrian crossing lights link up with lights at main junction still awaits TfL action.

ACTION :- BB

- Field End Rd – noisy & speeding night time lorry movements. London Lorry Control Scheme does apply which appears to ban such night time and early morning HGV (>18 tonnes) movements along Field End Road. Unfortunately LB Hillingdon no longer subscribes to the pan London Council's enforcement service and since the offence has been decriminalized the police cannot prosecute.
- IB to submit paper proposing a review of enforcement arrangements via BB.

ACTION:- IB/BB

- Post Meeting Note :- Lorry Operators have been contact by ERA and Operators have agreed not to use Field End Road before 7.00am.
- It was agreed to continue with ERA membership, cost £8, of FOMLUC (Federation of Met Line Users Committee) as a mechanism to raise quality of service issues collectively.

5.4 Community Voice

- There is no Community Voice Newsletter and minutes this month. They will be available in August.
- A new telephone number "111" is to be rolled out in November for non-urgent health matters (still 999 for medical emergencies) the control room will be based in Southall.
- Hillingdon Link – a drop-in shop has now been opened in The Pavilions in Uxbridge.
- BB brought to our attention that a review is ongoing regarding the provision of children's heart surgery throughout London. The number of centres to be reduced to two centres only, which could affect Harefield/Brompton hospitals.

5.5 Christmas Festival

- No Report.

5.6 Open Forum

IB confirmed details- as 7.30pm Tuesday 8th November at St Lawrence Church Hall, Bridle Road. IB suggested that this provides an opportunity to review the stated objectives of the ERA and determine what our priorities should be going forward. It was suggested that this would

- Encourage engagement and debate
- Prioritise and legitimise ERA activity
- Raise the profile of local concerns

A discussion followed- there was general support but concern that this would need suitable marketing to draw sufficient attendance. It was also pointed that success or failure was closely linked to the skills of the facilitator running the event.

BB offered to make enquires as to availability of a LBH facilitator –

ACTION:- BB

Secretary's update. Carys Walker – Hillingdon – Community Leadership Co-coordinator has offered to support this process.

6 AOB/Correspondence

- **WEBMASTER:** 1010 visits for July, 23,631 for the year so far.
- **NEWSLETTER:** Articles to CG by the latest beginning of September.
- **EASTCOTE LIBRARY:** The Library was officially re-opened on 26th July by the Mayor. It has come to our notice that the original Community Notice Boards have not been re-instated in the Library, this is to be investigated. It has also been noted that the opening times have changed.
- **STREET CLEANING:** The original street cleaner has retired and although the mechanical cleaner is cleaning the pavements, rubbish is piling up on the grass verges where the mechanical cleaner cannot go. We understand that an advert is out to get a replacement street cleaner. Various members have queried why this was not done some time ago, as the retirement was not unexpected. A suggestion was made that the Payback Scheme (Community Service) be used but, although, still going, they do not do street cleaning due to security risks.
- **CHRYSALIS FUNDING:** CG has put in an application for cycle racks, a new seat and a rubbish bin outside the Library.

- **HARA:** At a meeting on the 18th July we were introduced to the new committee – Chairman Tony Ellis, Vice Chairman Nin Jalaf, Treasurer Jim Dunford and Secretary Liz Segal. HARA are to meet every other month and in future all the meetings will be held in a Committee Room in the Civic Centre. It has been decided that as we now do not have to pay for meeting rooms or postage (the secretary will be sending everything by email), there will be no subs required for this year. The new Chairman is succeeding in getting more Resident Associations and Tenant Associations interested in sending a representative to HARA meetings and therefore raising the profile of HARA.
- **GREEN FLAG:** It was announced that Eastcote House Gardens have been awarded Green Flag status.
- One of the Committee members brought up the subject of the laying of the new water mains along Field End Road – BB to make enquiries as to how long this will be going on for and report back. **ACTION:- BB**
- Highgrove House – incorrectly position new building- there is still a STOP NOTICE on site while the Council is seeking legal advice on the matter.

The meeting closed at 9.20pm.

The next meeting will be WEDNESDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER 2011 (no August meeting) at Elsie Fisher Room, St. Lawrence Church at 7.30pm.

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